

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees
January 12, 2016 6:30 PM
Regular Meeting
112 N. Broad St.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present: Mayor Vincent Battista, Deputy Mayor Barb Boulton, Trustee John LaDuc, Trustee Molly Reilly. Trustee Daniel Frechette was absent. Other officials present: DPW Superintendent, Lonny Reinhardt, Chief Coseo, Treasurer James Yuhas.

Mayor Battista called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Battista welcomed the new Village Clerk, Peggy Kelly, and thanked the departing clerk Sally Daly. He reported that they have received applications for the position of Deputy Clerk and will begin interviewing soon.

REVIEW OF DECEMBER 8, 2015 MINUTES

The minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting were approved in a motion made by Trustee Reilly and seconded by Trustee LaDuc. Vote 4 Ayes (Boulton, LaDuc, Reilly and Battista), 0 Nays.

MAYOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The DANC monthly reports for November and December were provided to the Trustees.

The Trustees also were given a copy of the letter received from the Galloo Project Company regarding the Galloo Island Wind project along with an informational article on wind and solar power from the Watertown Daily Times.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to public comment at 6:34 pm.

James Bray, 111 E. Hamilton St. addressed a concern to the DPW that the snow plowing was being done in such a way that the sidewalk on W. Washington was being blocked.

Public comments were closed at 6:35 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Appointments - Mayor Battista reported that he and Deputy Mayor Boulton met to set up the 2016 Committee Appointments. The list is attached to these minutes.

Relief of parking requirement request - The Village Board received a request from John Kent, 205-207 W. Main St., requesting a relief of parking requirements for a zoning application on his property. The Planning Board reviewed the change of use application and recommends the Village Board waive the requirements as listed in the current zoning law. As the law reads, Mr. Kent cannot comply with the required number of spaces, nor could any other business moving into the building. Mayor Battista proposed (seconded by Deputy Bolton) a conditional approval of the relief, provided the employees do not park on the street. 4 Ayes (Battista, Boulton, LaDuc and Reilly), 0 Nays.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Deputy Boulton - Deputy Boulton reported that the Library is starting a new Movie Matinee program and they are starting to receive entries for their poetry contest from school age children.

Trustee LaDuc - Trustee LaDuc reported that the Joint Recreation basketball program with Jeff Robbins has been very successful this year. Participation is up, thus the income from fees has increased which helps cover the costs of the program.

He also reported that the Ice rink is up and running with moderate success so far. The weather has been inconsistent recently.

Trustee Reilly – Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jim Yuhas reported that the CHIPS reimbursement check came in for paying; payments for the water bills are coming in and Briggs McAndrews donated \$500.00 for the Bocce Ball Court.

Trustee requested a breakdown of the expenditures for the legal fees and the engineering fees from the Main St. project and its overall budget.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report and Abstract Number 8 with vouchers 601 through 685 by Deputy Boulton, seconded by Trustee Reilly. 4 Ayes (Battista, Boulton, LaDuc and Reilly), 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Trustee LaDuc, seconded by Deputy Boulton to approve the annual Agreement with the Town of Wilna for the shared expense of the Treasurer's medical insurance. 4 Ayes (Battista, Boulton, LaDuc and Reilly), 0 Nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Lonny Reinhardt, DPW Superintendent

There was a request from Village employee Lynn Martin for payment of fees for an electrical class at BOCES. This is the first class in a series of 4. Lonny said it would add to his ability to do the job.

There is nothing in the personnel policy about employee training. Trustee LaDuc is in favor of supporting this. Mayor Battista believes it needs more consideration before acting on it on short notice and would like to defer it to next year.

Trustee LaDuc made a motion to approve the Electrical 1 class with no commitment for further classes, reimbursement conditional on successful completion of the course, seconded by Trustee Reilly. 2 Ayes (Boulton, LaDuc), 2 Nays (Battista, Reilly).

Another motion was made by Trustee Reilly and seconded by Trustee LaDuc to approve the Electrical 1 class with conditional reimbursement upon successful completion of the course and does not establish past practice or set precedence for future courses. 3 Ayes (Boulton, LaDuc, Reilly), 1 Nay (Battista).

Lonny went on to report that there was still no resolution to the low lift pumping capacity at the water plant. Koester Assoc. installed a new motor to address this problem but the motor was the wrong voltage and will need to be replaced.

The DPW had to replace a chlorine pump at the water plant that failed after 2 years that cost \$550.00. There is a possibility that it was caused by the chemicals used. Slack Chemical Company is coming to check on the issue.

They have had problems with the plow truck caused by corrosion from the salt.

He recommended that the Village Board review the Water and Sewer Law and he would be willing to work with them on that.

Gail Gorgen, Visitor Center Manager Gail had nothing new to add.

Kris Dimmick, Bernier, Carr & Associates – Kris reviewed the Main St water and sewer construction project. The general approach to the construction is no mainline trench construction will be allowed from June 15th to September 9th from Broad St. to Ray St. and will be paved by November. There will be one contractor for the whole project and contract documents will state that from June 15th to the middle of September there will be 2 way traffic and parking on both sides of Main St.

The \$2.7 million project does not include the Main St. finishes, curbing, street lighting and greenscapes. He also said that the UV Disinfection plans are ready to bid and part of the funding is a grant from the DEC. This system will only be for summer usage.

Chief Richard Coseo, Village Police – Nothing new to report

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Janet Quinn, Planning Board - The application reviewed at the December Planning Board Meeting for John Kent was already discussed.

Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director – Planning has started for the next season for The Pickering Beach Museum, but has nothing to report.

Connie Barone, Village Historian – Reported they had a good December.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Public Comment session opened at 8:00 PM.

Dave Altieri said the Winter Concert Series will begin on Jan. 16 at the Union Hotel.

Eric Constance advised the Board to watch the budget on the Main St. project and to negotiate with the lawyer for his fees. He also cautioned the Board that he considered Lonny Reinhardt key to the project and he had not yet been reappointed to the Superintendent's position. He recommended looking into County funding for the Youth program.

Connie Barone raised the need for a long term preservation plan of the water tower at Madison Barracks again.

Trustee LaDuc made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm, seconded by Trustee Boulton. Vote 4 Ayes (Battista, Boulton, LaDuc, Reilly), 0 Nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kelly
Village Clerk

2016 Committee Appointments

Barb Boulton:

- Bed Tax
- Library
- Marketing (shared with Vince Battista)
- Can/Am (shared with Molly Reilly)

John LaDuc:

- Joint Rec

Dan Frechette:

- Tree
- Fire Department (shared with Vince Battista)
- Visitor Center

Molly Reilly:

- Can/Am (shared with Barb Boulton)
- Chamber of Commerce
- Pickering Museum

Vince Battista:

- Marketing (with Barb Boulton)
- Fire Department (with Dan Frechette)
- Housing Authority
- Historical Society